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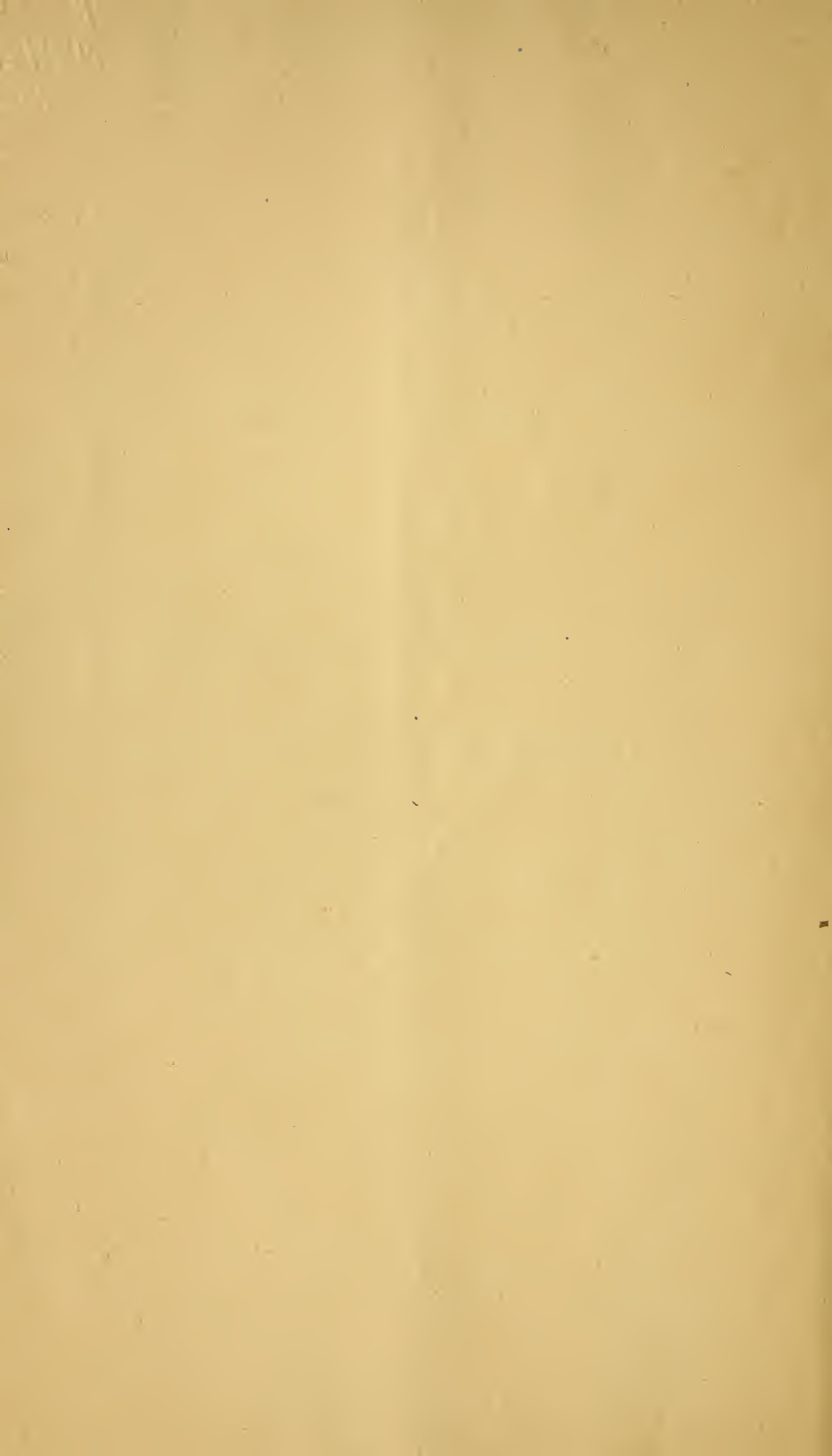
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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Services of Morning Prayer and the Holy Communion began with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Psalter was read by the Rev. F. I. A. Bennett, of the diocese of Washington; the lessons were read by Bishop Cheshire, and the prayers by the Rev. E. L. Henderson of the diocese of Conn.; the epistle by Archdeacon Pollard and the gospel by Rev. P. P. Alston.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. H. B. Delany, of St. Augustine's School, Raleigh. His text was Exodus, 3rd chapter, 4th verse: "And when the Lord said that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, 'Here am I.'"

He drew some very excellent lessons from the life and work of Moses and cited many practical applications of the truths set forth in his sermon.

Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop assisted by the Archdeacon. Hymn 491 was sung as a recessional and the service ended, to be followed immediately by the assembling of the Convocation.

The Convocation was called to order by Bishop Cheshire immediately after the morning service.

The roll was then called and the following persons representing the various parishes and missions responded:—

Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr.

Archdeacon J. H. M. Pollard.

Charlotte—St. Micheal and All Angels, Rev. P. P. Alston, Clergyman.

Littleton—John S. Simmons, Layman.

Louisburg—George C. Pollard and Louis King, Laymen.

Noyes
 Raleigh—St. Ambrose, Rev. J. E. King, Clergyman, Wil-
 ey Latham and D. P. Phifer, Laymen.
 Raleigh—St. Augustine's, Rev. H. B. Delany Clergyman.
 Chas. H. Boyer, Layman.
 Tarboro—St. Luke's, Rev. John W. Perry, Clergyman,
 N. B. Brown, Layman.
 Wilson—Rev. Robt. N. Perry, Clergyman.
 Warrenton—J. M. Pollard, Layman.
 Pittsboro—Rev. J. E. King, Clergyman.
 Warren Co.—St. Luke's, Robt. Harris, Layman.
 Statesville
 Satterwhite—S. M. Peace, Layman.
 Oxford—Chas. H. Taylor, Layman,

In the absence of Rev. A. B. Hunter, the treasurer,
 Chas. H. Boyer was elected temporary treasurer.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. F. I. A. Bennett
 of the diocese of Washington, and Rev. Eugene L. Hender-
 son of the diocese of Connecticut be invited to seats in the
 Convocation. Carried.

On motion, all laymen, members of the diocese, but not
 delegates, were invited to honorary seats in the Convocation.

It was moved and carried that the Convocation assemble
 at 4:30 P.M.

It was moved and seconded that for Friday the morning
 session be at 9:30 A.M., and the afternoon session at 4:30
 P. M. Carried.

It was voted that the Convocation take a recess until
 4:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convocation was called to order by Archdeacon J. H.
 M. Pollard. Minutes of the morning session were read and
 approved.

Moved and seconded that Chas. H. Boyer be re-elected
 secretary. Carried.

The Archdeacon then announced the following committees:

Committee on the State of the Church—Rev. Jno. W. Perry, Rev. H. B. Delany, Rev. Robt. N. Perry, Wiley Latham, Jno. S. Simmons.

Committee on Finance—Rev. P. P. Alston, Rev. J. E. King, J. M. Pollard, N. B. Brown, Lewis King.

Committee on Education—Rev. H. B. Delany, Rev. P. P. Alston, Chas. H. Boyer, Robert L. Harris, Chas. N. Hunter.

Bishop Cheshire then read a report of his work among the churches and missions of the Convocation. It was a very encouraging one. He said he had found his clergy faithful.

It was moved that the Bishop's address be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Bishop asked suggestions from the Convocation as to the disbursement of the annual appropriation he holds from the Board of Missions, and submitted the present list to Committee on Finance.

Reports from the various parishes and missions were then called for.

Mr. Alston reported a greater interest in his school work and in the church. The greatest drawback, he says, is the migrating of his members to the North. But the work as a whole is very satisfactory.

Archdeacon Pollard reported in general for Littleton, Warrenton, Wilson, Louisburg and Noyes.

Mr. John Simmons, representing Littleton, reported an average attendance of 17. They have registered 46; nine adults, 37 children. He thinks the work should be encouraged there because of the false notions of religion held by the people.

Mr. George Pollard said, for Louisburg, that the work continues to grow. Had 147 children in the school last year and only 2 teachers. He said that there is need of more money to keep up the expenses. He also suggested

that the Bishop and Archdeacon appoint some officers in the church to share the responsibilities. The work is too much for one person. He urged the necessity of remodeling the school building. Mr. Louis King endorsed what Mr. Pollard said.

For St. Ambrose Church, Raleigh, Mr. King said the work is very encouraging. Closed the school with 170 pupils. He needs a third teacher. The school is not only growing in numbers but in influence. Church is improving also. Money in bank for building a new church. Mr. Wiley Latham emphasized the necessity of regular and systematic giving. Has a good Sunday school. Mr. C. N. Hunter said the Church was drawing members into its fold because of the quiet order and piety of the Church.

Rev. Mr. Delany reported for St. Augustine's School. He said that one peculiarity of our school is that it prepares members largely for other parishes; for after we confirm and polish them, they are sent back to be helpful to their own communities.

The time for closing having arrived, the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Evening Prayer began with the singing of hymn 522. The Psalter and lessons were read by Rev. F. I. A. Bennett of Washington, the prayers were said by Rev. J. E. King. After singing hymn 319, Archdeacon Pollard introduced Mr. Chas. H. Boyer, who spoke on the work of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, particularly of the work done by St. Augustine's Chapter. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Bennett, who made a very urgent appeal to the Convocation to establish Chapters at each church and mission. Rev. E. L. Henderson of New Haven, was then introduced and he addressed the congregation on the Sociology of Missions. He described in full the beginning of Church work among our people, inaugurated by Absalom Jones as

far back as 1788, and he impressed upon the congregation the necessity of feeling that each is his brother's keeper.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Morning prayers were conducted by Rev. P. P. Alston and Rev. Robt. Perry, after which, the business session of the Convocation was called to order by Archdeacon Pollard. Mr. Chas. H. Boyer continued the report for St. Augustine's School. He gave a brief description of the courses of instruction, the expense of attendance, and the industrial training. The Bishop followed and gave a very encouraging talk on plans looking toward extending the academic course of the school, the strengthening of the Bishop Payne Divinity School and St. Paul's, Lawrenceville, Va.

Mr. Chas. H. Taylor reported for Oxford. He said that the establishment of the Church there was very difficult, having the opposition of eleven colored churches. The whites, however, helped them quite a great deal. They have over 30 baptized members and 13 communicants. The work is advancing. Every month adds two or three baptized children.

St. Luke's, Tarboro, was reported by Rev. J. W. Perry. He said that the work is doing well. The Sunday School is the largest colored Sunday School in the town. The day school is well attended, requiring four teachers, only two of whom receive a regular salary. Mr. N.B. Brown said the Church is progressing and growing continually.

Mr. John Pollard, in reporting for Warrenton, said that there are 46 S. S. pupils and 5 teachers. The day school is prosperous, there being 72 pupils, two of whom together with their teachers hold the only first grade teacher's certificate in Warren County save one.

St. Luke's, Warren Co., has about 10 adults and about 27 children enrolled. Mr. Harris, their delegate, felt that the work needed encouragement from the Convocation.

Rev. J. E. King reported for Pittsboro. He said the work is holding its own having met every assessment placed upon it besides paying his travelling expenses and the current expenses of the Church. Services are well attended. Sunday School raises sufficient funds to buy all its literature.

Mr. S. M. Peace, of Satterwhite, reported that he had been superintendent of the Sunday School for three years. The financial condition is not quite what he hoped it would be. He hoped that the Bishop and Archdeacon would do what they could to help in the work. They have a good chapel but only 9 adult members. Sunday School is getting along fairly well.

The Convocation was given a recess in order that the several committees might get ready to report. The Committee on Education reported through the Secretary as follows:

We, your Committee on Education, regret that we have not statistics with which to compare critically the stages of growth which is so apparent. Noting carefully the verbal reports offered by the members of this Convocation, we are proud to report progress. St. Augustine's School, Raleigh; St. Michael's Training and Industrial School, Charlotte; St. Ambrose Parish School, Raleigh; St. Luke's Parish School, Tarboro; and the several mission schools, all show a healthy growth. A brief summary follows: S. S. Teachers 72, scholars 1126, day school teachers 21, scholars 1063, not including St. Augustine's School. The Convocation is made to rejoice in the information which is given it looking forward to the strengthening of our leading institutions of the Church in the South.

Resolved, That we heartily welcome and endorse all efforts looking forward to the unity of St. Augustine's School, The Bishop Payne Divinity School, and St. Paul's Industrial School into one great Educational system.

We heartily endorse the plan to extend the academic course of St. Augustine's School to grant degrees and raising the School to the rank of a College; the consolidation of the several divinity schools into the Bishop Payne

Divinity School and to make St. Paul's, Lawrenceville, the great Industrial School of the system.

REV. H. B. DELANEY, Chairman

REV. P. P. ALSTON,

ROBT. L. HARRIS,

CHAS. N. HUNTER,

CHAS. H. BOYER Secretary.

It was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. E. King:
Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, by the Chair, on Program for the Convocation of 1906.

It was defeated.

Archdeacon Pollard then read a canon proposed in The Church Advocate relating to establishing a separate Missionary District with a Missionary Bishop, asking that it be taken up by the Convocation

The committee on the State of the Church reported through Rev. J. E. Perry. It was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convocation was called to order by the Archdeacon. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved with the exception of the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was re-committed to be enlarged upon.

Archdeacon Pollard then opened the discussion on the proposed canon relating to a colored Missionary Bishop for the Work among Colored People. The discussion was participated in by Rev. F. I. A. Bennett of Washington, Rev. Eugene L. Henderson of New Haven, Rev. J. E. King and Rev. P. P. Alston, and Messrs. Taylor, Brown and Boyer. The discussion was then suspended to hear the report of the Finance Committee. The Committee reported as follows:—

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We have examined the report of the Treasurer and we find the same correct.

As for the schedule of division of the money now in the hands of the Bishop, we find no reason to offer any suggestion for change.

J. E. KING,
LOUIS KING,
N. B. BROWN,
J. M. POLLARD,
P. P. ALSTON,

This August 25th, 1905.

Chairman.

The report was anopted.

The discussion was then renewed.

The Committee on the State of the Church then reported through the secretary the following:—

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to state, that what we could gather from the interesting speeches and verbal reports made by both Clerical and Lay Delegates of parishes and mission stations, that there has been made much real and substantial progress along all lines during this Convocation year.

We most heartily congratulate our Bishop on his very able address, and the stand which he has taken in opposing a separate organization for the colored people of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The unity of the Church as she now stands in her legislative capacity was handed down to him by his predecessors. It is therefore strengthening, as well as comforting to us to feel the warmth of his fatherly admonitions. And be it resolved:

That we share with him that additional weight of responsibility which these racial discussions have placed upon him, and assure him we feel that this great Church ought to be sufficiently broad or charitable to encourage her weaker brethren by at least tolerating this one link of unity handed down from the Fathers.

Led by a conviction that the Convocation should be furnished with more accurate knowledge as to the progress of the work from year to year, we offer the following resolution:

That the ministers in charge of each Parish or Mission of this Convocation, be required to make a report to each Convocation, covering the period from September to September.

Committee:—Rev. J. W. Perry, Rev. H. B. Delany, Rev. R. N. Perry, Mr. W. J. Latham, Mr. J. S. Simmons.

It was moved and seconded that the pledges made to Oxford and Noyes last year be renewed this year Carried.

It was moved and seconded that we shall continue to assess one dollar (\$1.00) per year for adult communicants, fifty cents (\$.50) for minors, and that each church and mission shall make a list of all members, both those who have paid and those who have not and report them at the Convocation.

On motion, Rev. A. B. Hunter was re-elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

It was moved and seconded, that we hereafter meet Thursday evening and continue through Sunday. Carried.

On invitation of Rev. J. W. Perry, it was voted that the next session be held at St. Luke's, Tarboro.

It was moved and seconded, that 300 copies of the minutes be printed. Carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the Convocation take a recess until 8:30 P. M., and that after the service the meeting adjourn *sine die*.

CHAS. H. BOYER, Secretary.





